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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to introduce uniform fee pattern in the school education and higher education;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the concrete steps taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c): There is no proposal to introduce a uniform fee pattern in the school education and higher education. However 'The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009' provides for free and compulsory education to all children in the age group of six to fourteen years. Section 3 of the Act provides that no child shall be liable to pay any kind of fee or charges or expenses which may prevent him or her from pursuing and completing the elementary education. Education is in the concurrent List and Central Government cannot force uniform fee pattern for all educational institutions. Universities in India are autonomous bodies and have powers to determine fee structure for courses/ programmes offered. For technical and professional programmes, state Fee Fixation Committees are constituted which determine the fee structures for various courses/ programmes as per directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court.